

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2003 – 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationwide. Nationally, 205 new fires were reported for the week. No large fires were reported during the week. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona.

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A storm system will develop across southern Kansas on Friday, bringing showers to Oklahoma and east Texas. Some of the showers will be in the form of snow in the Oklahoma Panhandle. The storm system will cross the southeastern states through Monday before moving off the coast. Dry weather will set into the southeast by the end of next week.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern California Mostly sunny.	58-65 coastal areas. 35-50 mountains. 58-68 valleys. 48-55 upper desert. 60-70 low desert.	25-50%.	Northwest to northeast 5 to 15 mph.



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ENTRAPMENT AVOIDANCE

Avoiding situations where firefighters become entrapped is the first concern when devising strategy and tactics. The following discussion points are among the things that should be considered.

- Review how LCES relates to the 10 Standard Fire Orders.

- Discuss safety zone, entrapment, and deployment area:
 - Safety zone – a preplanned area of sufficient size and suitable location that is expected to prevent injury to fire to firefighters from known hazards without using fire shelters.
 - Entrapment – when a firefighter is trapped between the oncoming fire and a safety zone, causing burnover with or without a fire shelter deployment.
 - Deployment area – a selected topographical site that must be used when retreat to a safety zone is cut off by fire, has little or no fuel to cause flame impingement on the fire shelter, which will disintegrate it.

- Discuss escape routes:
 - Escape route – the travel route or path that provides the safety margin allowing the firefighter a retreat to the safety zone before the flame front overtakes the firefighter
 - Have multiple escape routes in case of cut off
 - Scout and personally observe hazards (e.g., cliffs, loose soils, rocks, vegetation, steep slopes, etc.).
 - Precut escape lanes to safety zones.
 - Use predicted fire behavior to assess impact on escape routes.
 - Time your escape routes before needing to actually use them. Account for slowest firefighters and or equipment. Know your escape time.
 - Clearly mark escape routes.
 - Do not locate escape routes near chimneys, saddles, narrow canyons or box canyons.

FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1			31	11	43
	ACRES		396			79	142	617
Northern California	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
Southern California	FIRES					16	1	17
	ACRES					102	1	103
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						37	37
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5					5
	ACRES		5					5
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	1		1		133	3	138
	ACRES	20		81		908	43	1,052
TOTAL	FIRES	1	6	1	1	180	16	205
	ACRES	20	401	81	0	1,089	223	1,814

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	15	22	11	402	13	465
	ACRES	23	40,821	266,855	3,980	247,925	2	559,606
Northwest	FIRES	307	264	25	56	1,959	1,361	3,972
	ACRES	24,278	18,645	89	1,195	50,699	265,805	360,711
Northern California	FIRES	184	73	17	22	3,165	1,263	4,724
	ACRES	255	12,639	603	6,879	82,710	38,778	141,864
Southern California	FIRES	69	140	12	76	3,096	877	4,270
	ACRES	1,656	42,055	376	1,828	286,715	325,183	657,813
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,166	71	35	86	995	1,538	3,891
	ACRES	90,652	69,435	23,356	166,679	165,603	365,891	881,616
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	863	7	46	909	1,063	2,947
	ACRES	19,424	133,688	1,244	2,733	56,372	147,388	360,849
Western Great Basin	FIRES	11	460	2	11	129	183	796
	ACRES	62	13,182	79	6	941	3,309	17,579
Southwest	FIRES	966	193	18	73	915	2,149	4,314
	ACRES	35,771	5,917	293	10,178	16,218	207,256	275,633
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	185	824	40	48	4,233	764	6,094
	ACRES	20,214	17,816	1,964	783	82,160	58,834	181,771
Eastern Area	FIRES	962		115	39	10,641	542	12,299
	ACRES	53,155		8,200	734	119,790	5,978	187,857
Southern Area	FIRES	168		53	16	15,549	449	16,235
	ACRES	23,663		21,532	1,839	230,492	9,662	287,188
TOTAL	FIRES	4,079	2,902	346	484	41,993	10,202	60,007
	ACRES	269,153	354,198	324,591	196,834	1,339,625	1,428,086	3,912,487

Eight Year Average Fires	82,236
Eight Year Average Acres	4,630,720

Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the second reporting period in November

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*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	0	50				285	335
	ACRES	36	12,495				9,632	22,163
Northern California	FIRES		0				22	22
	ACRES		11				291	302
Southern California	FIRES		0				1	1
	ACRES		4				375	379
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					10	0	10
	ACRES					1,443	47	1,490
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	0	1				20	21
	ACRES	2,487	250				1,128	3,865
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1	1			1	3
	ACRES		65	2			350	417
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			5	1	2	9	17
	ACRES			1,237	1,500	1,237	10,937	14,911
TOTAL	FIRES	0	52	6	1	12	338	409
	ACRES	2,523	12,825	1,239	1,500	2,680	22,760	43,527

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	63	277	38	3		844	1,225
	ACRES	9,253	46,148	7,505	123		58,767	121,796
Northern California	FIRES	14	9	113	23		338	497
	ACRES	152	439	22,735	2,828		21,085	47,239
Southern California	FIRES	0	2	8	9		146	165
	ACRES	36	31	810	3,335		15,256	19,468
Northern Rockies	FIRES	13	10	96	4	127	525	775
	ACRES	532	6,972	15,325	760	4,566	31,419	59,574
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	34	8		61	80	184
	ACRES	18	33,462	410		10,026	24,277	68,193
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6		3		1	10
	ACRES		1,270		2,084		230	3,584
Southwest	FIRES	33	39	26	11	4	430	543
	ACRES	22,360	33,046	40,782	9,183	13	67,495	172,879
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	31	38	105	9	19	75	277
	ACRES	1,847	29,326	13,895	9,592	2,215	22,153	79,028
Eastern Area	FIRES	26		339	10	518	196	1,089
	ACRES	10,640		65,142	1,126	83,310	12,979	173,197
Southern Area	FIRES	54		302	108	16,011	1,342	17,817
	ACRES	19,404		114,288	88,221	829,814	996,726	2,048,453
TOTAL	FIRES	235	415	1,035	180	16,746	3,977	22,588
	ACRES	64,242	150,694	280,892	117,252	931,499	1,250,387	2,794,966

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			42,800				42,800
Northwest	FIRES				9		3	12
	ACRES				3,544		251	3,795
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES	2			65		55	122
	ACRES	0			14,744		26,324	41,068
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8			3		74	85
	ACRES	42			602		56,854	57,498
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				7		34	41
	ACRES				448		15,924	16,372
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				10		19	29
	ACRES				3,555		159,608	163,163
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		25		2		3	30
	ACRES		1,646		0		1,869	3,515
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				10			10
	ACRES				2,715			2,715
TOTAL	FIRES	10	31	1	106	0	192	340
	ACRES	42	1,648	42,800	25,608	0	260,831	330,929

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

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AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	1									
Northern California									2	
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			2							
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0